

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AT
THE SOUTHWEST BORDER**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, every so often, we have the chance to take action that affects how the world as a whole sees the United States.

We have the chance to decide what our country stands for, and what we want to mean to the world.

Today is one of those chances.

The United States has long stood with those who are fleeing persecution and violence.

We've stood alongside them, so they know they're not alone.

We've stood behind them, to give them the ability to make a new life here.

And we've stood up for them, to make it clear that there is no place in this world for the atrocities that drive people to leave their homes.

That's who we are and what we do.

We don't put all our efforts into making it easier to send people back.

We don't say, "Sorry, we'd rather score political points than try to help you."

So why would we start now?

Why would we turn our backs on people—children—who have endured unimaginable struggle and danger to come here for the chance at not just a better life, but a chance at life at all?

That's what this is about—it's a life or death situation for these children.

We need to look beyond politics and partisanship to something bigger—principles.

And let one of those guiding principles be that we will be there when we are needed.

We will respond not with hatred and vitriol, or with inaction and delay, but with empathy and support.

To do anything less is beneath us—not only as Americans, but as human beings.

RECOGNIZING THE PENNRIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTER ON ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Pennridge Community Center on its 50th anniversary. The Upper Bucks Branch of the Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens was established in 1964 for the purpose of creating a senior center. Located in Perkasio, PA, the Center has served as a place for personal growth for the constituents of Bucks County, offering opportunities to its thousands of members that have passed through its doors. With the help of its strong leaders and associates, the center has become a model of high-quality service, reliability, and integrity and has contributed greatly to the community of the 8th District of Pennsylvania. I commend the Pennridge Community Center for its hard work and its achievements in Bucks County, PA and offer my sincere congratulations on its anniversary.

HONORING THE EXOTICS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, music finds a home in Middle Tennessee. It settles in and we build it a foundation that withstands the weathered seasons of our lives. Various styles, compositions, and genius are found here in various artists, songwriters, and musicians. Some find their favorites on the Billboard Top 40 and others hear them at local gatherings. We are a community that celebrates all the notes of life and particularly enjoys celebrating together the drumbeats and rhythms of life. I rise today to congratulate one such gathering of musical excellence, The Exotics, as they continue 50 years of making great music in Franklin, Tennessee.

Billy Adair, Jeff Cook, Glenn Crowell, and Loy Hardcastle met in high school, formed a band, and began playing the great sound of the 60s: rock 'n roll. Shortly after, they were joined by Robert Early and Steve Smartt. The Exotics never played for a record deal or to book large stadiums. These men of music chased and found the love of their craft at high school dances, pool parties, and fraternity events. As they chased, a loving community came alongside them. Fifty years later, members of The Exotics will play once more to their fans of Franklin.

I join with all of those celebrating The Exotics' 50 years of magnificent rock 'n roll. I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating these mighty men of music on half a century of making a home for great music in Middle Tennessee.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SCAN CON-
TAINERS ABSOLUTELY NOW
(SCAN) ACT**HON. JANICE HAHN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, after the tragic attacks on 9/11, Congress strengthened aviation security, which was the nature of the attacks against our country. While our aviation system is more secure—13 years later—we have not secured our nation's ports. Our ports are vulnerable to attacks.

I represent the Port of Los Angeles and the communities that surround the port; I have the personal responsibility of keeping the people of my district safe.

Top security experts recommend that shipping containers entering our nation's ports be scanned for radiological and nuclear materials and other potentially dangerous cargo. In addition, Congress passed laws requiring that 100 percent of all cargo be scanned by 2012. Today, two years after the deadline, we are scanning only 3 percent of incoming cargo.

I firmly believe that responding to ongoing terrorist threats and the risk of nuclear proliferation should remain top national security priorities.

The detonation of a nuclear device or "dirty bomb" at a port such as the Port of Los Angeles could cause a staggering loss of life. In ad-

dition, it could result in a West Coast or nationwide shutdown of all ports, which would cost the United States economy billions of dollars each day. The economic impact of port closure on supply chains was clearly demonstrated in 2002 when port workers were locked out for 8 days at the West Coast Ports. That cost \$1 billion per day.

For these reasons, I am introducing the Scan Containers Absolutely Now (SCAN) Act. This bill would create a one-year pilot program at two United States ports to evaluate the process of 100 percent scanning of cargo containers and its potential use at all domestic ports.

We must take our responsibility to protect the nation seriously. We cannot allow inconvenience or shortsighted economic expediency to get in the way of keeping our nation's ports and citizens safe.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of Zion Lutheran School. I would like to recognize them for their service to the Lutheran community of South Florida and our local community as a whole.

Founded in 1964 with nine kindergarten students, Zion Lutheran Christian School has served as a center of Lutheran identity and education for the North Broward County community. I want to particularly acknowledge Headmaster Dr. Phillip Dupont and Principal Joann Halem for their dedication to the school and its emphasis on service and study.

I would like to congratulate Zion Lutheran School on its 50th anniversary. Through their example, Zion Lutheran's commitment to education can extend far beyond South Florida.

CONGRATULATING CLEATS MANU-
FACTURING ON THEIR 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cleats Manufacturing, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Cleats Manufacturing is a union premier fabricator of HVAC sheet metal products. Since its incorporation in 1964 by Ernie DeLord, Cleats has been located in Chicago providing jobs for our hard-working constituents.

Over the last 50 years, their product line has expanded rapidly. Beginning with slip and drive cleats, Cleats' product line soon included rectangular duct and fitting, spiral pipe, CleatSeal gasketed round fittings, welded duct, and other sheet metal products.

Cleats Manufacturing not only provides an excellent American made product but also prides itself in its employees. Their union trained team are tradesmen in the industry